

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph on page 6, lines 13-19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to a further preferred embodiment, the extension piece additionally has a non-cylindrical outer contour with ~~screw-in~~ gripping surfaces. The extension piece can easily be screwed into an implant with the aid of a tool which engages on the ~~screw-in~~ gripping surfaces. In this way, it is possible to precisely control the screwing-in force in the manner described below.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 18, lines 15-27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2a shows a perspective view of an extension piece 2 according to the invention. The extension piece 2 consists principally of a head part 20 and of a threaded stem 29 arranged at one end of the head part 20. For the sake of clarity, the thread of the threaded stem 29 is not shown. The head part 20 has several ~~screw-in~~ gripping surfaces 21 arranged in a polygonal formation. With the ~~screw-in~~ gripping surfaces 21, the extension piece 2 can be screwed tight using a suitable tool. Provided on the head part 20 there is a first contour 22 in the form of a peripheral groove. The first contour serves for engagement with a correspondingly shaped second contour 45 on a transfer aid (see Figures 4a and 4b).

Please replace the second paragraph on page 19, lines 14-30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3a shows a screwing-in tool 3 suitable for screwing the extension piece 2 in. The screwing-in tool 3 has a head 30 with a driver contour 31. The driver contour 31 is designed as a fluting. A torque instrument can engage in the

driver contour 31. The screwing-in tool also has a neck part 32 and a shank part 33. Provided in the shank part 33 there is an inner contour 34 (see Figure 3b) which corresponds to the ~~screw-in~~ gripping surfaces 21 of the extension piece 2. The inner contour 34 is part of a cavity 35 for receiving the head part 20. An opening 36 is provided in the shank part 33. The opening 36 permits attachment of the screwing-in tool to an extension piece with retention element secured thereon (see Figure 20a for example), even when the retention element and/or the retention basis has in part a circumference greater than the free internal diameter of the screwing-in tool 3.